

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 11, 2007, it was alleged that the claims of Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the amount of effort required by the Patent and Trademark Office would be lessened by permitting all of the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application. The alternative is to proceed with the filing of another application, consisting of the same disclosure, and being subjected to substantially the same search, perhaps by a different Examiner on a different occasion, with the resultant burdened on the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction and allow the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1, 2 and 18-21.

In the Preliminary Amendment, Claim 22, belonging to elected Group I, has been added to provide an additional scope of protection.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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